

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A toggle press comprising:

first and second levers pivotally connected together by a joint,

the first lever having a free end adapted to be connected to a pressing tool, and

the second lever having a free end rotation-resistantly mounted on a shaft adapted to be rotated by a drive unit, the rotation-resistant connection between the second lever and the shaft being releasable, and the second lever being disposed on a section of the shaft contrived as an eccentric cam, and

a spring for fixing the second lever to the shaft in a releasably rotation-resistant manner, the spring being disposed between an arm mounted rotation-resistantly on the shaft and a bearing on the second lever, such that the spring presses the arm and the bearing apart with a pre-defined amount of compressive force.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The toggle press of claim 1, further comprising a stopper element on one of the levers which comes into contact with a counter-stopper element on a press frame when the first and second levers of ~~the toggle lever~~ reach an extended position.

6. (Currently Amended) The toggle press of claim 5, wherein the stopper element disposed on one of the levers is contrived as a roller.

7. (Previously Presented) The toggle press of claim 5, further comprising a pressure spring mounted between a bearing on a shoulder projecting from the second lever opposite to the stopper element and the counter-stopper element and a further bearing on an arm projecting radially from the shaft, and wherein movement of the arm when the shaft is rotated lies on a side of the second lever furthest from the stopper element and the counter-stopper element.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The toggle press of claim 6, further comprising a pressure spring mounted between a bearing on a shoulder projecting from the second lever opposite to stopper element and the counter-stopper element and a further bearing on an arm projecting radially from the shaft, and wherein movement of the arm when the shaft is rotated lies on a side of the second lever furthest from the stopper element and the counter-stopper element.